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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**PATENT APPLICATION****Inventor:** Svonja, George**Examiner:** Gravini, Stephen Michael5 **Serial No.:** 10/518,864**Group Art Unit:** 3749**Attorney Docket No.:** 66435-0015**Section 371 Filing Date:** March 30, 2005**Entitled:** Method and Apparatus for Drying

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION**20 **Honorable Commissioner of**  
**Patents and Trademarks**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Sir:**25 

In response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2007 (Confirmation No.  
9977), Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following Amendment and Response.

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In the event of non-payment or improper payment of any required fee, the  
Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit Deposit Account No. 501,262 as may  
be required to correct the error.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.